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## MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 38,292; Week ago 32,739; Year ago 35,237  
Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. STEERS:		Fdr. HEIFERS:		Hols. STEERS	
366 lbs.	142.49	360 lbs.	127.37	349 lbs.	113.44
457 lbs.	127.82	450 lbs.	117.41	454 lbs.	104.06
547 lbs.	121.11	538 lbs.	110.79	550 lbs.	99.12
643 lbs.	116.67	638 lbs.	107.73	675 lbs.	91.27
746 lbs.	114.28	748 lbs.	106.52	769 lbs.	89.01
844 lbs.	108.71	841 lbs.	102.80	874 lbs.	89.36
928 lbs.	103.37			943 lbs.	79.69

## SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts 6650; Week ago 7338; Year ago 5655  
Compared to last week steers and heifers calves uneven 2.00 lower to 2.00 higher, Yearlings fully steady. Slaughter Cows firm to 1.00 higher. Slaughter Bulls steady to 1.00 lower.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	132.50-142.50	300-400 lbs.	112.00-129.00
400-500 lbs.	117.00-132.00	400-500 lbs.	108.00-123.00
500-600 lbs.	112.00-125.00	500-600 lbs.	103.00-114.00
600-700 lbs.	103.00-111.50	600-700 lbs.	100.00-109.00
700-800 lbs.	109.00-117.25	700-800 lbs.	Scarce
800-900 lbs.	Scarce	800-900 lbs.	Scarce

### Large 3 Holsteins

300-400 lbs.	Scarce
400-500 lbs.	97.00-106.00
500-600 lbs.	Scarce
600-700 lbs.	89.00-91.50
700-800 lbs.	Scarce

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield  
Grade 1-2, 1250-2100 lbs., 58.50-  
65.50, high dressing 68.00-72.00,  
low dressing 57.00-61.00.

**COW & CALF PAIRS:** Medium  
and Large 1-2, 4 yrs to ss, 1100-  
1400 lbs with baby to 250 lb  
calves 1000.00-1100.00 per pair.

### SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking and Boning (70-85%  
lean) 47.00-53.50, high dressing  
51.00-56.50. Lean (85-90%)  
44.00-50.50, low dressing 38.00-  
44.00.

### REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs,  
1100-1400 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage,  
770.00-880.00 per head, 7 yrs to  
ss, 1050-1400 lbs 2nd and 3rd  
stage 650.00-770.00 per head.

## SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 11,133; week ago 7975; year ago 7145  
Cow and Bull Receipts 1100; week ago 940; year ago 1597  
Dairy Cattle Receipts 1267; Springfield 10/26/04

Compared to last week steers and heifers steady to 6.00 lower

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	135.50-151.00	300-400 lbs.	Scarce
400-500 lbs.	118.00-132.50	400-500 lbs.	104.00-125.00
500-600 lbs.	109.00-129.00	500-600 lbs.	100.00-116.00
600-700 lbs.	105.50-121.25	600-700 lbs.	99.50-115.50
700-800 lbs.	108.00-118.50	700-800 lbs.	99.50-109.25
800-900 lbs.	102.00-106.50		

### HOLSTEINS:

Large Frame 3

200-300 lbs.	
300-400 lbs.	104.00-122.00
400-500 lbs.	103.50-107.00
500-600 lbs.	100.00-105.50
600-700 lbs.	Scarce
700-800 lbs.	Scarce
800-900 lbs.	85.50-89.35
900-1000 lbs.	82.50

### Dairy Cattle Sales

Springer Heifers: Supreme  
1800.00-1950.00, Approved  
1590.00-1780.00, Bred Heifers 4  
to 6 months Supreme 1800.00-  
1970.00, Approved 1425.00-  
1770.00. Open Heifers; Approved  
700-800 lbs 1075.00-1200.00,  
600-700 lbs 1050.00-1100.00,  
500-600 lbs 975.00-1050.00,  
Baby Calves: Holstein Heifers  
310.00-440.00. Bulls 90.00-  
160.00

### REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 950-1300  
lbs, 2 to 7 yrs, 1st and 2nd stage,  
720.00-975.00 per head.

**COW & CALF PAIRS:** Medium  
and Large 1-2, 3 yrs to ss, 950-  
1250 lbs. with 100-350 lb calves,  
some rebred 875.00-1185.00 per  
pair.

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking  
and Boning (70-85% lean) 50.00-  
56.50, high dressing 57.00-59.00,  
Lean (85-90%) 46.00-50.50.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield  
Grade 1-2, 1400-2255 lbs., 66.00-  
70.00, high dressing 72.00-72.50,  
low dressing or fleshy 62.00-  
65.50.

## INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 10,591; Week ago 10,484; Year ago 10,492  
Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts steady to 1.00 lower.  
Sows steady.

### BARROWS AND GILTS:

Base carcass meat prices 64.00  
Weekly top price Friday 66.00

### SOWS:

300-500 lbs 37.00-41.00  
Over 500 lbs 42.00-44.00.

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**WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Kingsville and Sedalia)

Receipts 3062; Week ago 3289; Year ago 2527

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers uneven most sales 2.00 to 5.00 lower. Slaughter cows and bulls were near steady.

**FEEDER STEERS:**

Medium and Large 1 &amp; 1-2

300-400 lbs. 130.00-158.00  
 400-500 lbs. 122.00-144.00  
 500-600 lbs. 114.00-129.00  
 600-700 lbs. 109.00-131.00  
 700-800 lbs. 105.00-116.50  
 800-900 lbs. 102.00-111.75

**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1 &amp; 1-2

300-400 lbs. 122.00-135.00  
 400-500 lbs. 113.00-134.50  
 500-600 lbs. 106.00-118.00  
 600-700 lbs. 106.00-118.50  
 700-800 lbs. 103.00-109.00  
 Pkg 885 lbs. 102.75-104.00

**REPLACEMENT COWS:**

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to  
 ss, 876-1460 lbs, 2nd-3rd stage,  
 865.00-1000.00 per head.

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking  
 and Boning (70-85% lean) 49.25-  
 55.00, high dressing 53.75-60.50,  
 Lean (85-90%) 48.50-51.75.

**COW & CALF PAIRS:** Medium  
 and Large 1-2, Scarce.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:**  
 Yield Grade 1-2, Scarce.

**EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, and Boonville)

Receipts 5932; Week ago 4002; Year ago; 5478

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers uneven steady to 5.00 lower. Slaughter cows steady to 2.00 lower.

**FEEDER STEERS:**

Medium and Large 1 &amp; 1-2

350-400 lbs. 125.00-145.00  
 400-500 lbs. 115.00-130.00  
 500-600 lbs. 110.00-130.00  
 600-700 lbs. 110.00-128.50  
 700-800 lbs. 105.00-120.75  
 800-850 lbs. 104.25-109.75

**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1 &amp; 1-2

300-400 lbs. 118.00-138.00  
 400-500 lbs. 108.00-126.00  
 500-600 lbs. 105.00-121.50  
 600-700 lbs. 103.00-117.00  
 700-775 lbs. 100.00-111.75

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:**

Choice 2-4, 81.00-83.25, Ind  
 83.75.

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking,  
 Boning, and Lean (70-90% lean)  
 43.50-53.50, high dressing 50.00-  
 58.00, low dressing 33.00-43.00

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:**

Few Choice 2-4, 81.00-82.00, Ind  
 83.00.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield  
 Grade 1-2, 1450-2450 lbs, 61.50-  
 68.50, high dressing 72.00-74.50.

**NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Palmyra, New Cambria, and Green City)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 4831; Week ago 2194; Year ago 6142

Slaughter Cattle Receipts 240; Week ago 135; Year ago 305

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers steady to 3.00 lower.  
 Slaughter cows and heifers .50-1.00 lower. Slaughter steers and heifers  
 1.00-1.50 higher.

**FEEDER STEERS:**

Medium and Large 1-2

300-400 lbs. 143.00-160.50  
 400-500 lbs. 125.00-140.50  
 500-600 lbs. 115.00-130.75  
 600-700 lbs. 111.00-127.25  
 700-800 lbs. 113.00-120.75  
 800-850 lbs. 112.85-114.25  
 900-950 lbs. Scarce

**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1 &amp; 1-2

300-400 lbs. 123.50-135.50  
 400-500 lbs. 114.50-130.00  
 500-600 lbs. 107.50-122.00  
 600-700 lbs. 105.00-118.00  
 700-800 lbs. 105.50-114.75

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:** Choice  
 2-3, 1100-1450 lbs. 82.50-84.25.

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking  
 and Boning (70-85% lean) 51.00-  
 56.00, low dressing 45.00-51.00.

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Choice  
 2-3, 1000-1350 lbs. 81.50-83.25.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield  
 Grade 1-2, 1450-2100 lbs. 60.50-  
 66.00.

**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Patton Junction and Fruitland)

Receipts 2023; Week ago 1312; Year ago 1955

Compared to last week, steers and heifers steady to 2.00 higher.

Slaughter Cows 2.00 higher and Bulls 4.00 lower.

**FEEDER STEERS:**

Medium and Large 1-2

250-300 lbs. 143.00-157.50  
 300-400 lbs. 128.00-142.00  
 400-500 lbs. 119.00-135.00  
 500-550 lbs. 105.50-123.00  
 600-700 lbs. 100.50-118.00  
 700-750 lbs. 105.00-110.00  
 800-850 lbs. 95.50-105.50

**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1-2

250-300 lbs. 130.00-138.00  
 300-400 lbs. 123.00-138.00  
 400-500 lbs. 106.00-119.50  
 500-600 lbs. 100.00-114.00  
 600-700 lbs. 90.00-106.00  
 700-750 lbs. 95.50-105.50  
 850-900 lbs. 80.00-82.00

**REPLACEMENT COWS:**

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs  
 965-1660 lbs in 2nd to 3rd stage  
 660.00-970.00 per head.

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking

and Boning (70-85% lean) 45.00-  
 52.00, high dressing 52.25-56.00,  
 Lean (85-90%) 35.00-44.75.

**COW & CALF PAIRS:** Medium  
 and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs, 1050-  
 1340 lbs., with 100-200 lb calves,  
 830.00-880.00.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield  
 Grade 1-2, 1285-2105 lbs 56.00-  
 62.25, high dressing 67.75.

**SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Cuba and Vienna)

Receipts 4191; Week ago 5110; Year ago 4688

Compared to last week steers and heifers under 650 lbs 1.00 to 5.00  
 lower, several 450-550 lb steers 5.00 to 8.00 lower. Weights over 650  
 lbs steady. Slaughter cows steady to 1.00 lower.

**FEEDER STEERS:**

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs. 130.00-145.00  
 400-500 lbs. 115.00-131.00  
 500-600 lbs. 108.00-124.50  
 600-700 lbs. 104.50-116.00  
 700-800 lbs. 107.00-118.50  
 800-900 lbs. 104.00-111.75  
 Load 908 lbs. 106.30

**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs. 120.00-130.00  
 400-500 lbs. 112.00-126.00  
 500-700 lbs. 104.50-113.50  
 700-800 lbs. 105.00-109.00  
 820-850 lbs. 94.00-99.75

**REPLACEMENT COWS:**

Medium and Large 1-2, Scarce.

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking

and Boning (70-85% lean) 46.50-  
 52.50, high dressing 50.00-55.00,  
 Lean (85-90%) 43.00-49.00, low  
 dressing 37.00-43.00.

**COW & CALF PAIRS:** Medium  
 and Large 1-2, Scarce.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield  
 Grade 1-2, 1400-2125 lbs, 60.00-  
 67.00, high dressing 71.50, low  
 dressing 55.00-59.00.

**MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT  
SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT**

Weekly Receipts 200; Week ago 1200; Year ago 1000

Compared to last week, trade very slow. No live sales and dressed sales  
 on a grid basis steady. Demand and seller interest light to moderate.

**STEERS:** No sales**STEERS AND HEIFERS:**

Carcass sales: No Sales

**HEIFERS:** No Sales**GRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid):**

Choice 3 550-950 lbs 134.00-  
 136.00, few 140.00, Select 3 550-  
 950 lbs few 129.00-130.00.

## MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT WEANER AND FEEDER PIG REPORT

Receipts: 17,583 (FOB 3298 Delivered 14,285).

Compared to last week, weaner pigs and feeder pigs steady. Demand good, Supply moderate.

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights.

Fob the farm, 0% negotiated.

3298 head 10 lbs 32.00-33.83 weighted average 10 lbs 32.92

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights. (5,795 Ark to NEB, IA)

Delivered, 34.5% negotiated.

11,645 head 32.75-36.10 weighted average 10 lbs 35.46

Feeder pigs in all lot sizes. Delivered 100% negotiated.

1210 head 40 lbs 49.89-55.55 weighted average 40 lbs at 52.96

## MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW

### Slaughter Receipts

This week 58,000; Week ago 54,000; Year ago 57,000

Slaughter Lambs steady

Slaughter Ewes steady

Feeder Lambs steady

Slaughter Ewes: Utility and Good

1-3 35.00-42.00, Cull 1 25.00-

35.00.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and

Prime 2-3 90-150 lbs shorn 83.00-

85.00, woolled 81.00-83.00.

Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large

1-2 60-80 lbs 100.00-110.00, 80-

100 lbs 90.00-100.00.

## WEEKLY HAY SUMMARY

No frost on the pumpkins this week, as cloudy misty days and above average temperatures were the story. The hay market continues to have two extremes this season. On one end is the lack of high quality hay that wants to have higher prices, but the huge supply of relatively cheap grain seems to be preventing that for the moment. On the other end, beef to lower quality hay is filling every barn and fence row you drive past; and although prices haven't fallen a lot each week, we hear talk of a lower undertone. Movement is mostly moderate, and supply over all is heavy. The Missouri Department of Agriculture has a hay hotline available for both buyers and sellers. To be listed, or for a directory, call 1-800-877-4HAY (4429) (All prices per ton unless specified and most reflect delivered prices) Supreme quality Alfalfa (RFV>185) 100.00-140.00 Premium quality Alfalfa (RFV170-180) 80.00-110.00 Fair to Good quality Alfalfa (RFV130-170) Round bales 30.00-80.00 Small, Big squares and baleage (dry weight) 70.00-100.00 Good quality mixed Alfalfa and grass small square bales 2.50-3.00 per bale 30.00-45.00 per large round bale Fair to good quality Prairie hay 50.00-75.00 Good quality Brome 50.00-85.00 Fair quality Brome some mixed with grass small round bales 10.00-20.00 per bale Good quality Timothy Hay 2.50-3.50 per small square bale Good quality Red Clover hay 25.00-50.00 Good quality Mixed Grass hay 20.00-35.00 per round bale 1.25 to 2.50 per small square Fair quality large round bales Fescue 10.00-20.00 per bale Wheat hay 40.00-60.00 Wheat straw 1.50-3.00 per small square bale

## WHOLESALE FEEDSTUFFS PRICES (DOLLARS PER TON-BULK BASIS)

Area	Soybean Meal 48% Solvent	Cottonseed Meal 41% Solvent	Meat Meal	Wheat Middlings
Kansas City	153.60	148.50	125.00	74.50
St. Louis	172.50	143.50	122.50	63.50

## WEEKLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

### CATTLE

### HOGS

### SHEEP

Week to date	642,000	2,074,000	58,000
Last week	644,000	2,167,000	54,000
Last Year	639,000	2,145,000	57,000
2004 yr. to date	27,033,000	84,172,000	2,225,000
2003 yr. to date	29,884,000	81,977,000	2,336,000

## MIDWEST EGG REVIEW

Large .01 higher, Medium .06 higher and Small .02 higher. IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN: Prices paid to producers. (cents per dz.) Large .22-.29, Medium .13-.17, Small .04-.06.

## By-Product Feed Prices

Soy Hulls Mexico, MO 70.00, Alfalfa Pellets 17% St Louis, MO 135.00, Distillers Grain dried, Macon, MO 82.00, Corn Gluten Feed pelleted, Decatur, IL 53.00, Brewers Grain pressed 70% moisture, St Louis, MO 33.00. Prices per ton.

## WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans Nov .03 lower, others .01 to .04 higher, Wheat .08 to .11 higher, Corn unch to .01 higher, KC Wheat .03 to .11 higher, Soybean Meal 1.40 to 2.50 lower. (All price trends ap-

### Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Soybeans					
Nov	541	539	530	529 1/2	527 1/2
Jan	545 1/4	544	533 3/4	535 1/2	533 1/2
Mar	550 3/4	549 1/4	539 3/4	542 1/4	540 1/4
May	557 1/4	555 3/4	547 1/4	548 1/2	546 1/2
Jul	564	562 1/4	553 3/4	556	554 1/4
Wheat					
Dec	316	315 1/2	319 1/4	322 1/4	316 1/2
Mar	326 3/4	328	330	333 1/2	328 1/2
May	330 3/4	333	335 1/2	338 1/2	334 1/2
Jul	333	334 1/2	336 3/4	340 1/2	337
Sep	339 1/2	341	342 1/2	347	343 1/2
Corn					
Dec	205 1/4	206 3/4	206 1/4	206 1/4	202 1/2
Mar	215 1/2	217 1/4	217 1/4	217 1/4	213
May	223 1/4	224 3/4	224 1/2	224 3/4	220 1/2
Jul	229 1/2	231	231	231 1/4	227 1/2
Sep	236	237 1/4	237 1/4	237 1/4	234 1/4
KC Wheat					
Dec	341 1/2	341 3/4	344 3/4	349 3/4	347
Mar	347 1/4	346 1/2	349 1/2	353 3/4	350 1/2
May	349 1/4	348	350 1/2	354 3/4	348 3/4
Jul	346 1/2	343 3/4	343 1/2	347 1/2	343 3/4
Sep	349	345	346	350	348
SB Meal					
Dec	158.40	156.60	155.30	155.40	153.90
Jan	159.80	158.30	156.70	156.90	155.60
Mar	162.20	160.90	159.50	159.30	157.90
May	164.20	163.10	161.80	161.80	160.00
Jul	167.00	166.00	164.80	164.50	162.90

## WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle Oct .10 higher, others 2.02 to 3.55 lower, Lean Hogs uneven nearby .65 to 2.13 higher, others .87 to 4.65 lower, Pork Bellies uneven nearby .20 to .78 higher, others .25 to .30 lower, Feeder Cattle 2.22 to 3.30 lower.

### Daily Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Cattle					
Oct	87.37	87.62	87.35	86.77	87.85
Dec	87.17	87.25	86.62	86.25	84.47
Feb	89.42	89.62	89.45	88.80	87.20
Apr	87.52	87.75	87.52	87.20	85.12
Jun	84.05	84.02	83.87	83.57	81.85
Lean Hogs					
Oct	65.50	66.22	65.85	66.35	—
Dec	64.90	65.52	64.87	65.87	67.45
Feb	63.45	63.25	62.47	63.85	67.20
Apr	64.45	64.22	63.55	64.35	64.75
May	68.65	68.57	67.55	68.40	65.22
Prk Bel					
Feb	94.72	94.47	94.05	94.72	94.80
Mar	94.00	93.90	93.90	93.90	94.00
May	95.10	95.00	94.75	94.75	94.75
Jul	97.90	97.60	97.60	97.60	97.60
Aug	94.90	94.90	94.90	94.90	94.90
Fdr Cat					
Oct	113.45	113.97	114.07	113.90	—
Nov	111.27	111.37	111.60	111.45	109.20
Jan	108.60	109.25	109.02	108.42	105.52
Mar	104.60	105.12	105.00	104.32	101.80
Apr	103.55	103.90	103.95	103.50	100.80
Milk					
Oct	14.16	14.18	14.18	14.20	14.19
Nov	14.13	14.10	14.17	14.06	14.10
Dec	13.20	13.33	13.15	12.91	13.05

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#### MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans .09 lower to .01 higher  
Wheat .01 to .10 higher  
Corn .01 lower to .02 higher  
Grain Sorghum .11 lower to .14 higher

#### Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

Area	#1 Soybean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
<u>Kansas City</u>				
Monday	5.16	3.27	1.75	3.21
Tuesday	5.14	3.27	1.77	3.25
Wednesday	5.05	3.30	1.76	3.23
Thursday	5.05	3.35	1.76	3.23
Friday	5.03	3.42	1.73	3.18
<u>St. Louis</u>				
Monday	5.55	3.47	1.94-1.98	3.45
Tuesday	5.54-5.57	3.44	1.94-1.97	3.51
Wednesday	5.40-5.42	3.45	1.93-1.96	3.45
Thursday	5.38-5.40	3.46	1.99	3.48
Friday	5.36-3.37	3.43	1.96	3.55
<u>Central</u>				
Monday	5.01-5.04	3.03-3.04	1.66-1.68	2.73
Tuesday	4.99-5.04	3.03-3.04	1.68-1.73	2.76
Wednesday	4.91-4.95	3.06-3.07	1.68-1.69	2.75
Thursday	4.91-4.95	3.09-3.10	1.68-1.72	2.75
Friday	4.89-4.93	3.04-3.05	1.65-1.69	2.70
<u>S.E. MO</u>				
Monday	5.46-5.56	3.43-3.46	1.85-1.98	3.23-3.66
Tuesday	5.52-5.59	3.40-3.45	1.90-2.00	3.35-3.69
Wednesday	5.36-5.45	3.41-3.49	1.92-1.97	3.41-3.68
Thursday	5.38-5.40	3.44-3.52	1.93-2.00	3.41-3.62
Friday	5.33-5.40	3.39-3.41	1.92-1.98	3.35-3.60

(PRICES PER BU. EXCEPT GR. SORG. PER CWT)  
\*NEW CROP

#### Weekly Crop Report

Damp weather over most of the State again hindered row crop harvesting and wheat planting progress. An average of 3 days were suitable for fieldwork, varying from 1.4 days in the southeast district to over 5 days in the southwest and south-central districts. The topsoil moisture supply ratings averaged 4 percent very short, 8 percent short, 75 percent adequate and 13 percent surplus. Moisture supplies are the lowest in the southwest district, with ratings of short or very short totaling 38 percent, followed by the northwest district at 29 percent in those ratings. The north-central, northeast and southeast districts show the highest moisture rating with 23 percent or more in the surplus category. Twenty-eight percent of the ground intended for spring crops has been worked at least once, about a week ahead of the 5-year average. The corn harvest reached 81 percent complete, a week behind last year and 8 days behind the 5-year average of 88 percent, as damp weather and a greater emphasis on soybean harvesting limited progress. The northeast district continues to be the least advanced with 66 percent of the corn harvested, followed by the northwest and north-central districts at about 76 percent. Virtually all corn is harvested in the southern third of the State. Ninety-three percent of the soybeans are mature, 5 days ahead of last year but equal to the 5-year average. Bean maturity by district ranges from 55 percent in the southwest district, which has considerable double-crop acreage, to 89 percent or more in all other districts. Fifty-seven percent of the crop is harvested, 2 days ahead of last year but 5 days behind the 5-year average. Progress by area is least advanced in the southwest district, at 37 percent harvested, while the northwest, north-central and central districts are most advanced with 60 percent or more complete. Ninety-seven percent of the sorghum has reached maturity, just slightly behind average. Sorghum harvesting is 64 percent complete, a week behind last year and nearly 2 weeks behind the average of 82 percent. Progress by area varies widely, from 28 percent harvested in the northeast district to 100 percent complete in the southeast. Pasture condition is reported as 2 percent very poor, 13 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 46 percent good and 6 percent excellent, as fall growth has continued to respond to the improved moisture supply and above-normal temperatures.